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### **Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

### **Listing of Claims:**

WHERE THE LOCKING TAB PASSES UNDER A LOUVERED HOLE TO RETAIN THE

Claim 1 (currently amended): An electrical cord securing device comprising:

a replacement outlet cover configured with at least one hole located on opposite sides of an outlet wherein each hole has at least one louvered tab to prevent objects from being passes through the holes;

a slot extending the length of the plug retainer for passage of an electrical cord;

~~a substantially rectangular~~ plug retainer that surrounds at least a portion of an electrical cord where the plug retainer is installed in the replacement outlet cover by pushing retention tabs in the plug retainer into the louvered openings ~~in~~ into the replacement outlet cover and removed by pressing in on the sides of the plug retainer to collapse the elongated slot to disengage the plug retainer from the outlet cover.

Claim 2 (currently amended) The electrical cord securing device from claim 1 where the replacement outlet component has holes placed on opposing sides of each outlet.

Claim 3 (canceled)

Claim 4 (original) The holes from claim 2 where the holes are rectangular.

Claim 5 (previously presented) The electrical cord securing device from claim 1 further includes a raised area located on the back side of the holes that require the user to press the plug retainer into the outlet before the plug retainer can be removed.

Claim 6 (previously presented) The electrical cord securing device from claim 1, wherein the plug retainer has tabs located on the sides of the plug retainer.

Claim 7 (original) The tabs from 6, where the tabs are rectangular

Claim 8 (original) The tabs from claim 7 include detents that require the user to press

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the sides of the plug retainer down and inward to release the plug retainer from the replacement outlet cover.

Claim 9 (original) The plug retainer from claim 1 where the plug retainer includes a slot where a power cord can be placed through the slot.

Claim 10 (original) The slot in claim 9 where the slot is capable of retaining the power cord.

Claim 11 (currently amended) The tabs from claim 6 where the tabs are shaped such that when the sides of the plug retainer are depressed the plug retainer cannot be collapsed.

Claim 12 (original) The tabs from claim 6 further include raised, lowered or textured surface located on the sides of the tabs.

Claim 13 (previously presented) The electrical cord securing device from claim 6 further includes at least one spacer that can be used to further secure a power cord within the plug retainer.

Claims 14-20 (canceled)